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Theft at Airports

746. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of theft cases are increasingly taking place at various airports of the country;

(b) if so, the number of theft cases reported during the last three years at various airports;

(c) whether it is a fact that cameras and other vital security equipments installed at airports are out of order including those at Indira Gandhi international Airport at Palam, Delhi; and

(d) if so, the measures that have been taken by Government to save passengers from such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) 405.

(c) No, Sir However, some of the cameras have remained unserviceable for some time at Delhi Airport.

(d) The following measures have been taken by the Government:

- (i) Surveillance cameras are being manned round the clock to have a check on all the passengers and staff inside the Terminal Buildings;
- (ii) Surveillance staff has been deployed by Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) inside and outside the Terminal Buildings.
- (iii) Airlines have also deployed their security personnel to have a check on the employees/miscreants.
- (iv) On city side, local Police officials are deployed to have surveillance on miscreants.